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Centerfolds and Liberty Place discussed at Dec. 17 Chinatown Neighborhood Council Meeting

By Adam Smith

he opening of the strip club Centerfolds T and a public hearing on the Liberty Place Project were the hot topics of a longer-thanusual Chinatown Neighborhood Council Meeting on Dec. 17 at St. James Church.

Centerfold s was on the top of the list. Chinatown residents and businesses have been fighting to stop the La Grange St. club from opening, but on Dec. 7, Suffolk Superior Court Judge Maria Lopez overruled the Office of Cultural Affairs and Licensing's decision to deny the joint an entertainment license.

"Judge Lopez's decision in favor of Centerfolds was against the wishes of the Chinatown community and businesses," said Councilor Bill Moy. The first Chinatown protest since the entertainment license was issued was on Dec. 14.

"We had a very good showing (at the protest). The people that were interviewed on television were the ... people of the community... the people of the town are very concerned about the quality of life in this community,"

Boston Police Department Sergeant Tom Lema, also at the meeting, supported the protesting.

"I hope that everyone is in for the long haul on this one," said Lema.

But talk of the strip club was quickly overshadowed by a long presentation of Liberty Place, a 30-story apartment building that will be built on 660 Washington St.

Representatives of the building's owner, Charles E. Smith Residential, showed graphs and computer generated maps as they discussed the Draft Project Impact Report, a report showing results the building would have on Chinatown, such as shadows, traffic, and housing. According to these representatives,

most shadows from the towering building would not fall on Chinatown. They also downplayed the traffic increase likely to be caused by the new residents, saying there would be a drop off area in the apartment complex. And, they said, most tenant traffic will be going out of Chinatown during peak hours, not to Chinatown. They said the additional 468 apartments would help ease the housing crunch, especially because 70 of the units will be rented at the Boston Redevelopment Authority's affordable housing rate. (The rest are market rate rooms.)

Many people at the meeting voiced their concerns after the presentation. Many opposed the project.

Henry Yee, the co-chair of the Chinatown Residents Association, spoke against the building. He said the building is too high. He worried about the traffic and noise pollution. He feared that apartment prices would go

Jeremy Liu, of the Asian Community Development Corporation, also had problems with the building. He said he thought shadows would be a problem and he said the traffic would increase too much.

Representatives of Liberty Place defended the project. They said that they had been working with the Chinatown Neighborhood Council and others in Chinatown for years. They said the building would benefit the community, reminding that 15% of the apartments are affordable, and that during the construction they would tear down Liberty Bookstore, a Chinatown porn shop. They also said jobs would be created.

Another Liberty Place presentation will be at the Jan. 22 Neighborhood Council Meeting. The presentation will include interpreters to translate the meeting into Chinese.

Number of Homeless Increases According to Homeless Census

n Dec. 13 Mayor Thomas M. Menino, Kelley Cronin, director of the Emergency Shelter Commission, and other advocates fighting homelessness in Boston spoke about the 2001 Boston Homeless Census.

According to the group, the number of homeless in Boston has increased 54% in the past 10 years.

"We predicted that the number of homeless people in Boston would increase. And, unfortunately, we were right... These are real people, living in shelters and on the streets," said Menino.

The homeless census counts the number of Boston's homeless found on the street and in shelters on a given night. This time, 6,001 homeless people were counted, 3% more than counted in the homeless census of 2000. In 1991, 3,893 people were counted.

This most recent count found 277 men and women on the street, most the rest were in shelters, and some were in domestic violence programs. Boston's efforts to help fight

homelessness include securing \$14 million in federal McKinney funds for homeless programs and partnering with local shelters and community groups.

"...We can't do it alone. We need our state and federal leaders on our side," said Menino.

In related news, on Dec. 12, the United States Conference of Mayors released a survey showing that in 27 major American cities, homelessness has risen over the last year.

According to the U.S. Conference of Mayor's survey, requests for emergency food assistance increased by an average of 23% in the cities surveyed since last year. Requests for Emergency shelter assistance has increased by 13%.

All cities surveyed predicted that in 2002 they would need to request food and shelter assistance to help their homeless population. Boston was one of the cities surveyed in the report.

--Adam Smith

INS Application Rates Rise

 ${f T}$ he Immigration and Naturalization Service will increase fees for immigration benefits and services. The new fees were published on Dec. 21 in the Federal Register and will start Feb. 19. The average fee increase is \$20 per application. According to INS, the fee adjustment provides INS with the funding needed to process new immigration petitions and applications in a timely manner. Federal guidelines require INS to review fees every two years to ensure that it is recovering the costs of providing immigration services, rather than supporting those services with tax revenue.

INS Announces Suspension of Cambodian Adoptions

The Immigration and Naturalization Service suspended processing adoption petitions in Cambadian ing adoption petitions in Cambodia and ordered a review of the adoption process in Vietnam, according to a Dec. 21 INS Website pressrelease. Thirteen families are currently involved in disputes over the validity of their orphan petitions with respect to children in Cambodia and Vietnam. These concerns were first identified by the U.S. embassy in Cambodia.

"INS' responsibility to determine that a child is truly an orphan must never be tainted by any action that results in the exploitation

of innocent children by separating them from their biological families as a result of fraud, trafficking in human beings or other criminal activity," said INS Commissioner James Ziglar.

Ziglar announced a series of initiatives that he said will improve and strengthen the integrity of the adoption program, as follows: *In conjunction with the DOS, the INS will discuss with the Cambodian gov-

ernment to establish an adoption process that will protect Cambodian and prospective adoptive parents' interests *INS will initiate a general review of international adoption procedures;

*INS will continue to work with the DOS to identify weaknesses in the process and implement the principles of the Hague Convention on foreign adoptions which regulates foreign country adoption procedures and international adoption agencies

* INS will host a summit with adoption agencies and advocacy groups to discuss international adoption issues and methods by which the INS and such agencies can give prospective parents a clear and realistic understanding of the international adoption process.

Information for this article was taken from the INS Website

Massage Parlor Closed

he Chinatown Neighborhood Council and Safety Committee's talk of a suspicious massage parlor proved to have merit after city authorities closed the illegal parlor last week. Golden Finger Health Club, located in a residential area of Chinatown, was often talked about suspiciously at Chinatown Neighborhood Council Meetings and at Safety Committee Meetings. City health inspectors shut down the parlor at 8 Johnny Court last Wednesday night because it didn't have a license and it employed unlicensed masseuses, according to the City Commissioners Office. The Inspectional Service Department was acting in response to residents' complaints. Inside the parlor, inspectors found bottles of pills, alcohol and used enema containers.

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New Face at

S am Lowe will serve as the Chinatown Progressive Association's acting director starting this month. Lydia Lowe, no relation to Sam Lowe, is CPA's director, and will be taking a leave of absence for several months.

Mr. Lowe has served as an assistant pastor at the White Street Baptist Church in East Boston, and as a clinical instructor and lecturer for New England Deaconess.

Immigrants Get Lesson in Local Politics While Protesting Adult Basic Education Budget Cut

By Adam Smith (Anita Chang contributed to this story)

dult immigrant students in A Massachusetts got more than they bargained for when they fought against the proposed cut in Adult Basic Education. Not only did they help get most the money get restored (when the supplemental budget was signed on Dec. 19), they also got a crash course in local politics.

For those unfamiliar with what happened, the proposed state budget crammed through right before Thanksgiving contained a 44% cut for ABE (about \$13 million would be gone). ABE includes English as a second language for immigrants, GED programs, literacy classes and other basic education courses for adults. The Massachusetts Coalition of Adult Education informed ABE program coordinators all over the state of the cut and sent them almost daily updates. MCAE also informed the ABE coordinators of how to fight the cut. Teachers of ABE and their students quickly followed MCAE's advice and organized to get the money back. Here in Chinatown, ABE teachers at the Asian American Civic Association and the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center had their students write to legislators and call representatives and even march to the State House.

"There was a very well-organized response... people mobilized and went to the State House... It became apparent that it was very important that the money get restored," said Paul Wingle, a special assistant to Senate President Tom Birmingham, of the protest against the ABE cuts. He said that the receptionist at the Senate President's office estimated that about 1,000 calls concerning ABE came in a

"We haven't even counted the number of letters yet," Wingle said.

In this story, you will meet the Chinatown ABE teachers and students who helped in the statewide effort to get the money restored.

"Despite the horror of potentially losing our classes (from the bud-

get cut)... it was really inspirational seeing this population, which is usually seen as quiet...and not active (politically)... making an unquestionable difference (in helping to get the money restored)," said Maryana Huston, the ABE English as a second language program director at the Boston Chinatown



Above, middle, AACA's Richard Goldberg with students at ABE protest

Neighborhood Center.

"The state made a big mistake waking up this group," said Stan Kaplan, an Adult Basic Education ESL teacher also at BCNC.

The two said they had never participated in such a large campaign before. They said they first notified staff and kept them updated about the budget and told the students what was going on.

"I went around and talked to many of the classes... (I told them:) we're going to fight this. The students were ready (to help)," Huston said.

"I told my students to call and write their representatives," Kaplan said. "The students were more nervous about losing their ESL courses than calling their representatives."

Richard Goldberg, an ABE English as a second language teacher at the Asian American Civic Association, said he did the same.

"It was pretty clear that we would need to write letters, make phone calls and visit the State House," Goldberg said. "I told my students very frankly and clearly what was going on. First we talked about some vocabulary: 'budget' ... 'restore'... then we put it in the context of their life. We let students know that this fight is winnable...They knew what they were doing (when they started protesting the cut). We didn't

make them. No one rejected it. This was a great civics lesson. It was something

Meet the students

"I was sad, upset," said Lily Zhou, an ABE student taking English as a second language at the AACA. "My teacher told me that a lot of money was being cut from ABE and that it would be a big problem for us... at that time I wondered if protesting was worth it. I thought it would be hopeless."

Zhou came to the United States from China less than a year ago. She was planning to enter her final ESL course at the AACA in the spring, but wouldn't be able to do so if the cuts stood. The ABE courses ' ...e, as in most places across the state would have had to end because the huge State cuts would have likely forced the federal government to stop funding the ABE programs, too. The federal government gives the state money for ABE as long as the state gives ABE at least 90% of what it did the previous year. The Federal government currently gives \$10.5 million to Massachusetts' ABE programs.

Zhou said that though she had never participated in any sort of protest before, and that it is mostly illegal to do so in her home country, she wasn't nervous about writing her legislator or going to the State House because it was a group effort.

"It worked," she said, adding that she's now more interested in U.S. local politics.

James Huang, who came to the U.S. from China two years ago, also takes English ABE courses at the AACA.

"If the state cut the ABE money, then I wouldn't have a chance to study English anymore," Huang said. "It's not only for me, but also for my people."

"I know that if I want to live in the U.S., I need to improve my English... I thought, if I can do something to help get the money restored, then I wanted to do it. I wanted to take responsibility."

Huang wrote a letter to his leg-

islator and even talked about the Budget cuts on a Malden public access show.

"I learned not to only accept the government's decision. I will have my own voice. Here is open to my voice. In China, the government is the government and the people are the people. Here there is interaction. It is possible to be involved."

Bik Sim Lam, who was finishing her last ABE English course at the AACA and would not have been directly affected by the cuts. But she still participated in the protest by writing and going to the State House.

She said she did it because she "wants all the immigrants to be able to study English." She came here from Hong Kong in 1986. She said that if the ABE classes didn't exist and she had to pay for expensive tuition based ESL programs, she would have likely put off learning English. She said she had



Bik Sim Lam

never protested before, but for this cause she did and would do it again.

Man-Chok Tin, who came here from Hong Kong 11 months ago and who is also studying ABE English at the AACA, even talked to Birmingham's aide, Colin Mahoney. He told him the importance of ABE.

"I was very sad when I found out that ABE was (going to be) cut. I just came here from Hong Kong. I wanted to learn English. If I don't have good English, I can't survive.

...We had to have a voice. Like I said in my letter to Birmingham (he wrote to Birmingham asking for the ABE money to be restored): If you didn't have an education, how could you do what you do (; Mr. Birmingham)?"

"I don't have any experience writing in English," said Alex Chow, who came here from Hong Kong 14 years ago and is in the AACA's ABE

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English course. "So, I let my oldest son look at my letter (to Thomas Finneran) to check the grammar. I worked on my letter for four nights."

"I didn't feel so good when I found out the budget was being cut... Right now the economy is pretty tough... But we are the taxpayers. We work and pay

If my English is not good, I can't find a good job to support my family."

The Letters, Calls and Walks to the State House

Most of the calls to representatives were scripted. The ABE teachers told the students, some who could hardly speak English, basically what to say and then to write down whether or not that representative committed to restoring the

"I was so impressed by the students... there were hundreds of people call-

ing," Huston said.

"They didn't seem nervous about doing it," Kaplan said. "I see the students (in general) have trouble making phone calls... and they did it... I sent the most willing students to make the calls first. Then, they came back the next day and told the class. That inspired the rest to do it."

As for the letter writing, teachers at the AACA and BCNC told the students to make basic points - that they wanted the money restored - but not to sim-

Here's some excerpts from letters from students of both organizations:

"Dear Senator Birmingham,

...I'm an immigrant. English is very important for me. I need to study more English ...to help me ... live in the U.S.A. Now you cut the budget for Adult Education. I'm very angry. I hope you can give us a chance... (to)... learn English"

"Dear Mr. Finneran,

...Everybody says I am very smart. If you can restore the budget to (help me) continue my study(ing), I will do ... excellent work and volunteer in the community in the future..."

"Dear Thomas Finneran,

... Every year I pay the school taxes for education. Now, the state government (is going to) cut the (adult basic) education budget. (They're going) to save the money for what? The Big Dig? ...'

"Dear Mr. Finneran:

...I came to the United States two years ago. I wanted to make a good life and have more opportunities to broaden my horizons in the future. Therefore I decided to come to the United States. My parents and I had many difficulties ... because of the different cultures and languages. I also had a hard time finding a job. ... At this moment ABE... (is) close... to me and is my only hope in the United States. I learn about the American culture and some basic computer and English skills in ABE ... everyday."

How did the folks at the State House respond?

"I think on some level it was gratifying to see such a response from new immigrants," said Wingle, special assistant to Birmingham. "It was a good demonstration (to them) on how American politics work."

Why such support for Adult Basic Education?

The ABE teachers Sampan interviewed seemed more than just worried about Iosing their jobs if the money wasn't restored. They knew the importance of Adult Basic Education. And the students didn't just seem worried about not going up to the next level of their classes if the money was cut. They worried about fellow immigrants who wouldn't have a chance, either.

"Many of the students and teachers were really worried," Kaplan said. "...It doesn't seem like a lot of money in the whole scheme of things. And the benefits (of ABE) seem so strong."

"It wouldn't have been a cut, but a closure (for most the ABE classes)," Huston said.

Goldberg has pointed out that ABE is an investment in the immigrant society, making them more skilled and thus strengthening the econ-

These ideas are backed up by a research report released in 2000 by the Massachusetts Institute for a New Commonwealth, "New Skills for a New Economy."

The report found the following:

*About 1.1 million of Massachusetts's 3.2 million workers are ill equipped to meet the demands of the state's rapidly changing economy.

*Of this 1.1 million, 195,000 are immigrant workers with severely limited English skills and 280,000 are people without a high school diplo-

*Low income-earning minority women would especially be hurt by the budget cuts: In 1999, 60.5% of ABE students were women (39.5 % were men), about 13% of ABE students where Asian, 18% were black, 32% were Hispanic and about 37% were white.

On top of those three points, the ESL waiting lists are long and are getting longer. And the recent increase in layoffs are making it harder for immigrants to find decent work, especially if their English is poor.

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By Chen Zu

A re you being discriminated against at your job because you're a woman? How do you feel about it? How do you deal with it? How can we empower our community and ourselves to promote gender equality in the workplace?

Wanting to find answers to these questions, researchers, advocates, artists, writers, and therapists joined Gender/Employment: Equality and Empowerment, a forum organized by the Asian American Artists Roundtable Series of Malden on Dec. 8. Their goal: to understand gender issues in the context of employment equality and to help search for creative ways to empower our community and ourselves.

Sand T, an artist and independent curator, and Richard Cheng, a social worker and local activist, headed the

that employers who are sensitive to pregnancies can help the health of women in the workplace and their home. He also linked sex equality to the Asian American community: "We believe that these issues must be addressed in order to lessen isolation and marginalization, promote health in the Asian American community and build a stronger Asian community that will be more involved in the mainstream and democratic processes of America."

Also at the forum was Kenneth An, an Asian Liaison Coordinator for the Boston Area Office of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Because of understands federal laws and administrative services offered by the Boston Area Office of the EEOC, he was able to tell others at the meeting how to recognize employment sex discrimination.

Also at the meeting was Tom Lun-nap Chung, the Director of Research at



the forum at the Great Wall Center in Malden.

"Our goal is to enhance our understanding of one of the most difficult social problems...," said Richard Cheng. "It is ...easier for us to begin by putting the microscope on ourselves, our community and our city to help shed some light on the topic and hopefully we will enhance the understanding our own feelings and biases thereof."

Cheng is a licensed independent clinical social worker, a psychotherapist, and the Executive Director for Great Wall Center, Inc., which provides counseling and educational services for Chinese men who want to stop abusing their wives and children.

During the forum he pointed out that though females and males now work as supervisors and a subordinates, work is still need to be done to help pregnant woman on the job. Pregnancy can create a developmental crisis both at work and at the home front, said Cheng, Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. He wrote research reports on Asian Americans issues, including hate crimes, the glass ceiling, political and economic participation, and settlement patterns. He discussed Asian Americans' job roles from the pre-WWII era through the 1980's. He talked about the rising Asian American population, the calling for scientist and engineering jobs, and the emerging Asian market.

Others comments at the forum came from Vyvyane Loh, author of the novel "Breaking the Tongue," and Sanchita Sengupta, a recruiter and human resources worker at Massachusetts General Hospital. Loh shared her experience as an Asian woman writer who has to work "extra hard" in this male-dominated field, and Sengupta gave an overview of administrative services of the Human Resource department at MGH and discussed pregnancy discrimination.

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Crime, Centerfolds, Discussed at Jan. 2 Safety Committee Meeting

he Crime rate (for December) went down 50% in Chinatown compared to last year," said Boston Police Patrolman Frank Walsh about Chinatownarea crime at the Jan. 2 Chinatown Safety Committee meeting.

According to police statistics, in December of 2000, police reported 10 part one, or violent, crimes. In 2001, only five were reported.

Walsh also said that six johns, 2 pimps and 11 prostitutes were arrested last month in Chinatown and its bordering districts. Walsh and Boston Police Department Sergeant Tom Lema said that a recent rise in fines for prostitution crimes and the cold weather has probably helped decrease the number of hookers in the area. They also discussed the frustration of seeing the same people arrested multiple times.

"I hope these \$1,000 and \$2,000 fines will make a difference in prostitution. Hopefully, we won't see these same faces arrested three or four times over," said Lema.

"We'll see how these things are in the spring (when the weather is warmer)," said Walsh.

Committee members also talked about the recent closing of two illegal massage parlors in Chinatown and Centerfolds, the recently opened strip club on La Grange Street in Chinatown.

One committee member voiced concerns about a recent newspaper story telling of sports stars going to the strip joint.

"This is very hurtful to the community," said the committee member.

One member said he feared the club would become "bachelor party city."

He and other members stressed the need to oppose the club.

Another club, this one not a strip joint, also was discussed by committee members. Dino's, a night club that was shut down over the summer because of zoning violations, will go to the licensing board on Jan. 22 at 9:30 a.m. to seek a zoning variance to reopen.

"We need to make a presence there," said one committee member. Some members worry that if the place reopens it will attract crime and prostitution.

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The Early Dawn of the Millennium

By Fred Chin

🕇 niversally, peoples since ancient times have had a sensitivity for new millennial activities. Arriving at the end or the beginning of a new millennium, the unfamiliar are expected to bring large-scale social changes. This type of sensitivity sees the activities ushering in the 21st century as seedlings of changes that will grow. No one yet knows what on Earth they will grow into, but they sure will affect everyone in common. These future changes may last ten centuries, if not the next century. It is the Great Way -Ta Dao - by Chinese cosmic thinking, human and natural, therefore universal. Translated into basic human language this millennial maxim is the same for everyone: whatever we do, or do not do, as a people each year, our children will inherit it as their children's destiny.

The first year of the 21st century, 2001, was a full, awesome, exciting, and portentous year for societies everywhere. A tightly woven Earth showed that it can be more colorful than that of the last century, when peoples were less connected. It is recognizable that the full year was a worldly accumulation of at least two centuries of social weaving global and domestic — gone awry. It brings to mind the Confucian goals of the Great Way: tian xia wei gong - universal good for everyone. In many ways, it is a privilege to witness momentous, and unexpected, social changes in a very brief time. Peoples everywhere confront another maxim: change is life's constant, inevitable and common.

Protocol Changes

In January 2001, the inauguration in a leading democracy ushered in an important global awareness for electoral politics and judicial authority that defeated voters' mandate. The votes from Florida's ethnic minorities, including those from a small number of Israeli Americans, cast spotlights on the crucial count from voters living at the social margin and from Americans with dual citizenship. Asian Pacific Americans saw their largest turn out at the November 2000 voting booths: a seminal contribution to the win or lose future elections. And, more Asian candidates were on the ballots for public offices in the 2001 election, from New York City to San Francisco, and here in Boston. These are good signs.

In April, an American spy plane that ended up in China ushered in the 21st Century's first large-scale cyber war, mostly between the Chinese and American hackers. Not an official war, but one between virtual peoples, in reality. The hackers helped improve computer security in reality, and kept the computer economy afloat for a time, virtually. Damages, valued in billions on both continents, were the sum in millions of outdated systems plus millions to install the latest generation of wiring. Time will tell if this improved security is virtual or real. Future logic and arithmetic wiring in human brains will surely need more fine-tuning. Such a technological and political fiasco did crank a new, unromantic, but realistic trans-Pacific diplomacy.

In September, the United States officially boycotted the United Nations Conference on Racism held at Durban,

South Africa. Durban, in history, was the social setting during the last two decades of the 1800s where the British educated, bare-chested lawyer Mahatma Gandhi championed Indian laborers against British racial and economic bigotries. This transformed into deadly protests from Egypt to Vietnam that, by the mid 1900s, officially erased presumptions of superiority of the white race. Non-violence became brutal civil struggles. U.S. absence in 2001 at Durban gave varied meanings to different peoples controlling the premises of political oppression. A resulting common understanding is that racism in America will be an ongoing public issue chalked at best as a work in progress. Going by recent voices from Durban, not just in this country but also around the world, race will remain a burning public preoccupation calling for a universal resolution. A universal resolution calls for responsibility from every person. It becomes obvious that a community cannot rely on elected authority to deal with the racists among us. Among Asians, every Asian is called to be aware of our own racist feelings against fellow Asians.

The fiery 9-11 affair is called a war, has all the firepower of war, but yet war cannot be officially declared. National protocol requires a government to declare war before a large-scale military assault on another country or a people, but that cannot be done. Should Congress have declared war, the families who lost lives and the businesses that lost profits and property would not have been able collect indemnity from their casualty insurance policies. This is only a minor but glaring public conflict in the changing shape of how one industry in an interconnected economy legally constricts international politics. But that is not enough cause to legally prevent politicians, commanders, and pundits to talk about the coming American "imperium."

Like a Phoenix rising more beautiful from the ashes, prophetic talks have revived before and after 9-11 about "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion." Sacred to some, desecration for many, the manifesto is considered a doctrinal product of Judeo-Christian cults. Because there is shame, blame, secrecy, and even conspiracy about this document, its origin and its latest use are in dispute. For the rich and exclusive men among the Western illuminati for at least 200 years this document is considered the guiding light to power and prosperity. The social ideals in "The Communist Manifesto" by Marx and Engels, allegedly, are copies of the Protocols. Though it reads like a fantasy, a prototype of Fu Man Chu, one will better appreciate and understand world civilization as they are after one reads the 24 methods, called Protocols, for world domination.

Years of fighting among and between Jews, Christians and Mohammedans, bombarding the world may sound like schoolyard tantrums. There is more to it than that. The larger schemes of Occidental traditions - law, war, family, work, education, and taxation - are designs from the Protocols for world societies to go awry so that tyrants may rule tyrants. This tyranny has raided peoples for 200 years. In theaters now, Tolkien's dark and faceless Lords in the "Fellowship of the Ring" are characters from the Protocols whose values and goal is to create one supra-government on Earth. Speaking of movies, the production "From Hell," at the theaters right after 9-11, about Jack the Ripper in the days of Victorian high society, told the story of the Protocols working at eminent heights.

Protocol Shifts

Kofi Annan, United Nations General Secretary, accepting the 2001 Centennial Nobel Peace Prize, says: If today, after the horror of September 11, we see better and we see further, we will realize that humanity is indivisible. New threats make no distinction between races, nations or regions. A new insecurity has entered every mind, regardless of wealth or status. The idea that there is one people in possession of the truth, one answer to the world's ills, or one solution to humanity's needs, has done untold harm throughout history -- especially in the last century. Each of us has the right to take pride in our particular faith or heritage. But the notion that what is ours is necessarily in conflict with what is theirs is both false and dangerous. The obstacles to democracy have little to do with culture or religion, and much more to do with the desire of those in power to maintain their position at any cost. This is neither a new phenomenon nor one confined to any particular part of the world. People of all cultures value their freedom of choice, and feel the need to have a say in decisions affecting their lives. In this new century, we must start from the understanding that peace belongs not only to states or peoples, but to each and every member of those communities.

Annan's ideas for the 21st Century are of a macro awareness that slowly transform into common cultural paradigms. Much hard work is needed to synchronize such macro social expectations to improve micro human condition. At the micro community level, every person's consciousness needs to become common practices that mobilize peoples for large-scale social transformation.

When Asians feel culturally confused about the daily discrepancies between Occidental values and behaviors, it is because there are deliberate workings that kept all peoples, not just Asians, morally confused. These workings make big public shows in forms of threatening cultural discrepancies between the Orient and the Occident as if real moral differences are unreal, to be expeditiously eradicated. They promote cultural diversions that kept public minds off real moral problems of Occidentalism. The "humanitarian war" was one of them. Such oxymoron is designed to keep all ordinary peoples distracted and confused. America has been appointed leader of these cultural protocols manifesting among statesmen whose official actions do not conform to their public promises. Large food parcels in Afghanistan are delivered with gigantic bombs so that a generous Provider is feared as the powerful Destroyer. This is consistent with the Messianic code presenting the Benefactor as the Savior. Such values are the same as the aggressive distribution of "bible sandwiches" where poor and hungry Asians are fed industrial

food to bribe their conversion just to boost statistical numbers. Though the ultimate victims look Asian, all taxpayers in the West suffer immediate degradation for the spread of false social care.

Stewing cultural grievances worldwide need to heal within this decade and not in another century. The December 2001 Nobel Prize in Literature awarded to Sir V.S. Naipaul appears to signal the West's readiness to acknowledge engineered indignities of past political and cultural aggressions. The Prize initiates recognition for the new genre of Asian voices speaking common languages people can listen and understand. However, a superficial scrutiny confirms Asian suspicion of the Nobel Prize as a new political protocol of softer designs to shape and stay voices of cultural dissent.

When Asians are suspicious that social permission is needed to speak loud and clear, this Literature Prize confirms it. Naipaul wrote eloquently about this social pressure for cultural conversion requiring Asians to silence historical memory and ancestral tradition. This shows when Gao Xing Jian in 2000 was awarded the Prize as a French national, not a Chinese; Naipaul is recognized as a British writer and not as a Trinidad native from Hindu Indian ancestry of the Brahmin caste.

The citation for Naipaul the Asian reads: For having united perceptive narrative and incorruptible scrutiny in works that compel us to see the presence of suppressed histories. In the same breath said at the ceremony, Sir Vidia is rewarded because "Naipaul has praised the West for having recognized the right to individual endeavour and for its diffidence. The core of his devotion to European civilisation is that it was only one of the alternative cultures that made it possible for him to become

This split logic is what Naipaul refers to as "colonial schizophrenia." He regards this split as a "colonial shame and fantasy" of the West. In "A Turn In The South," he wrote about this cultural health of Dixie America resembling the global post-colonial mentality where "the powerless lie about themselves, and lie to themselves, since it is their only resource." Naipaul gives the name "The Mimic Men," detailed in the book, to these powerless. He does not mean Asian men who color their black hair blond or peoples who internalize cultural racism against Asians. In his speech at Stockholm, Sweden, he explained the mimics to be "colonial men mimicking the condition of manhood, men who had grown to distrust everything about themselves."

Many of us, like Naipaul, live with fractured uncertainties from gender, ethnic, professional, social, sexual, religious, and national plurality. Age 69, he grew from an indentured plantation society to become an Oxford educated English-speaking Knight with Brahmin Indian blood in his veins. Yet, his inspiration to write began with an insight becoming his literary theme that treated his formal education as false learning. His formal education has been a universal system. An education that is false for one person is false for everyone.

Happy New Year!

Chinese Opera Performer Coming To CCAE

Ghaffar Pourazar is one of the very few "foreigners" to master the Beijing Opera

By Liang Qu

ardly anyone gives up a well-paying career to travel half-way around the world to pursue another one with no significant future. But this was exactly the case for Ghaffar Pourazar. The then 30-yearold saw his first Beijing Opera in England, and was automatically hooked.

"I couldn't think of anything else afterwards," he muses. "So I went backstage and met with them (the actors)."

Many shows, and years of diligent training later, Pourazar is now renowned as one of the very few "foreigners" to master the artistry of Beijing Opera.

Born in Iran, Pourazar emigrated to England at the age of 13. He held a career in computer animation before leaving

to train at the Beijing Opera School on invitation and scholarship. It was at the school that he acquired fluency in Mandarin Chinese, and the artistry of the Warrior portrayal in opera performance.

"The training was very hard," Pourazar remembers. "The first two years I went to sleep every night with a fever because the conditions were so horrible."

But despite the miserable environment, Pourazar trouped on and has since earned the respect of colleagues and audiences alike for his portrayal of the Monkey King, a classic Warrior role in the Beijing Opera.

These days, Pourazar travels between the continents entertaining the masses with his skills while simultaneously teaching a bit of the tradition of Beijing Opera.

"I sometimes put

my makeup on onstage while telling the audience of the procedure. Then sometimes I get a few people from the audience, and teach them to do a few movements."

These efforts, including being the first person to bring the art of Beijing Opera to his homeland of Iran, are to bring people a better understanding of the Asian arts. "They enjoyed it a lot," he said. "It was something new and different. They have never seen it before."

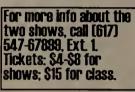
In the coming days, Pourazar will perform shows and conduct master classes at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education (Jan.11-13) as well as work with Behind the Mask Theatre's "Mask Master," Eric Bornstein, to create the "Monkey King Tales: A Chinese Folk Epic" (Feb. 23 and 24).

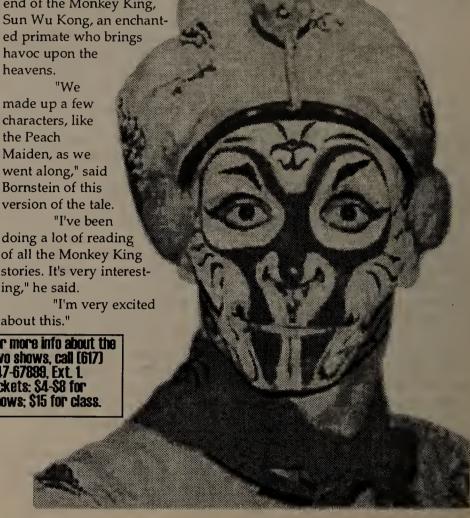
The latter show is a retelling of the classic legend of the Monkey King, Sun Wu Kong, an enchanted primate who brings havoc upon the heavens. made up a few characters, like the Peach Maiden, as we went along," said

"I've been doing a lot of reading of all the Monkey King stories. It's very interesting," he said.

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"I'm very excited about this."





CALENDAR

meetings

The next Chinatown Neighborhood Council Meeting is Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. at 125 Harrison Ave. A Liberty Place presentation will be at 6:30 or 7 p.m.

The next Chinatown Safety Meeting is Feb. 6 at 10:30 a.m. at the Doubletree Hotel conference room at 821 Washington St., Boston.

The US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce conference is Jan. 17, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Aquent*, 711 Boylston St., Boston; (617) 535-5000. The event is for Asian American business communities to meet and build strategies for business growth. For more info, visit www.uspaacc.com.

A Public Meeting for Kensington Place, a proposed 300 unit apartment, is Jan. 14, 6:30 p.m. at Posner Hal, Tufts University, 200 Harrison Ave.

"A Chinatown Banquet Exhibit" runs through Feb. 17 at the International

Institute of Boston's Dreams of Freedom Museum, Chiu Gallery, One Milk St., Boston. The show is made up of works by artists, community activists and high school students and explores the forces that shaped and influenced Boston's Chinatown. Call (617) 482-2380, Ext. 204.

Hua Hua Zhang (pictured right) will perform her "East Meets West" puppet show, Jan. 19 and 20 at 1 and 3 p.m. at the Puppet Showplace Theatre in Brookline Village, Brookline. Zhang will use marionettes, string puppèts, rod puppets, hand puppets and masks in her show, which combines traditional Chinese puppetry with Western puppetry. For more info, call (617) 731.6400. or visit www.puppetshowplace.org. Tickets \$8.



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BSO Presents Community Concert in Chinatown Jan. 27

embers of the Boston Symphony Orchestra will perform a free chamber music concert on Jan. 27, at 3 p.m. at St. James Cathedral, 125 Harrison Avenue, Chinatown. The hour-long program will include Penderecki's quartet for clarinet and strings; Respighi's Il Tramonto for mezzo-soprano and string quartet; and Beethoven's String Quartet Op. 59, No. 3. Rreservations are recommended. Call the BSO's Education and Community Programs Office at (617) 638-9300. A reception to meet the musicians will follow the show.



Public Meeting

The Boston Redevelopment Authority

Will host a public meeting Monday, January 14th, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.

> Posner Hall, Tufts University 200 Harrison Avenue

regarding the proposed Residences at Kensington Place Project (Washing Street between Boylston and LaGrange)

> Submitted by: Kensington Investment Company

The developer proposes to construct 300 units of rental housing with 327 parking spaces.

Copies of the proposal may be viewed at the Boston Redevelopment Authority, 9th Floor, Boston City Hall, Boston, MA 02201 Monday-Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Public comments should be submitted by January 22, 2002. Mail to: Heidi Burbidge, BRA, Boston City Hall, 9th Floor, One City Hall Square, Boston, MA 02210. Fax to: (617) 742-4464. E-mail to Heidi, Burbidge.BRA@ei.boston.

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A Draft Project Impact Report (DPIR) was filed with the BRA on December 7. 2001. The developers propose a multi-story marketrate and affordable apartment building containing a total of 468 apartments as well as structured parking above and below grade.

Tuesday, January 22, 2002, 6:00 p.m. At St. James Church 125 Harrison Avenue, Boston, MA Co-hosted by the Chinatown Neighborhood Council

AND

Tuesday, January 29, 2002, 5:30 p.m. At the Doubletree Hotel Boston-Downtown 821 Washington Street, Boston, MA Co-hosted by the Park Plaza Civic Advisory Committee

Copies of the DPIR may be viewed at the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA), 9th Floor, Boston City Hall, Boston, MA 02201 Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM. Public comments in writing should be submitted to David Hanifin at the BRA by February 20, 2002.

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稱能夠降低壞的膽固醇(LDL),也是清除 自由基的高手。 含有Allicin成份,許多研究報導宣

時吃很多種,不要單獨地依賴一種抗氧 是吃天然食物或是維他命,最好能夠同 多吃能的發生,最近還發現、同時,也別 腐,豆花,因爲含有異黃酮,研究指出 國人所常喝的豆漿,以及中國菜中的豆 也有,而最近流行的萃取也很多,而中 含多酚類的,如,最近研究發現咖啡中 忘記中的高含量值得大家注意的, 不管 黄酮類的食物很多,最常見的就是 於這些壞習慣有所認識,進而提醒自己 我們今天就來個包公人審,讓人家對

> 看來我們的上班族早中兩餐剛好與西方 的,他們覺得會影響到一天的工作效率

人相反, 我們早上不吃,腦力不足,中

多會想要午睡,

而一般外國人是不午睡

定要如此互相傷害對方才能再談合作?過多的酒精.....煙霧迷漫,中國人一

應酬有人吃素嗎?高脂,高熱量

有没有另類的健康應酬餐廳?

的西方人中餐,因爲他們認爲中餐吃太

或是麵包三明治,就解決了高頭大馬

的中餐多會有些失望,一個簡單的沙拉

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現代人有許多危害健康的飲食習慣

的保養來增加抵抗力防範。 的慢性病,也可以由飲食習慣來預防, 甚至於急性的疾病也可以因爲我們平日 飲食保養視爲健康的第一步,而人多數 與好習慣,由於不當地飲食習慣是每天 們生病, 只好以藥物來控制,所謂醫食 不斷一點一滴地侵害我們的健康,當我 許多人的飲食並不是因爲飲食的品質出 **沽動所需能量的來源,也是健康之鑰,** 問題,而是整個飲食缺乏正確的知識 飲食除了是一種文化與每日身體 我們中國古代的醫生就將平日的

中午吃太多

上血糖都不足,當然腦力不能發揮。 上班族因爲趕時間而不吃早餐,整個早 早餐爲一天精華的來源,大部份的 不吃早餐

四

高卡路里飲

應酬 過多

相當。 蚵仔麵線可能和您慢跑半小時消耗熱量 好好計算一下高熱量的代價,一碗 食,否則會影響睡眠並且 睡前三小時不要再進 吃宵夜

讓隔天早上食慾不佳。

我吃過保濟丸

不用翻譯,完全知道甚麼是保濟丸

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斯坦說,在完美的世界裡,藝術與工藝

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館中排名第廿三,遠遜於德柯多瓦、伊傳勒吸引到的遊客總數在本地區各博物)負拉?史都華?賈德納博物館和其他中 傅勒卻不然,因此欲振乏力。「波

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博物館商店,以及一座優術界重鎮、本地區最好的、雕塑公園、廿一世紀藝 雅的咖啡館。德柯多瓦擁 聯想到新英格蘭現代藝術 提到德柯多瓦,大家就會 ,爲它賦予 工藝博物館 的設施變成 成立卅二年 是否把這座 門,以決定 投 年一月廿四 信託理事今 克頓(Broket

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民局退件而影響了您的申請時間

自意提出申請的人士,別忘了使用新表 多新的表格及中請費的調整,在此提醒

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新年之際,美國IDG評出2002年IT業 界可能成爲熱點的八大技術。

一、網絡安全技術9-11恐怖事件的 發生以及各種網絡病毒的相繼出現使得 互聯網安全技術必將在2002年成爲最熱 門的技術之一。分析人士指出,各個企 業的首席信息官 (CIO) 現在成了最繁忙 的人,值得慶幸的是,CIO們擁有多種 安全選擇,包括使用新型病毒探測以及 網絡掃瞄工具,例如虹膜和指紋生物探 測技術等。

二、互聯網視頻會議技術9-11恐怖 事件加劇了人們對乘飛機旅行是否安全 的擔心,這使得商業出行人數驟然減少 ,而互聯網視頻會議就成了企業人士相 互交流的首選途徑。統計資料顯示,88 %的企業計劃增加視頻會議的召開次數

。三、點對點技術 這種技術使得企 業員工不必通過公司服務器即可實現相 互間的連網,進行及時信息傳遞等

四、存儲技術 2002年 IP存儲技術將 使得企業將其全部現有IP網絡連爲一體 爲用戶提供高速、簡捷的連網和存儲 服務。存儲虛擬軟件將取得更大的進展 ,另外,軟盤將變得更小、存儲速度更

五、IP語音技術2002年IP語音技術 將邁上一個新台階。視窗XP系統的語音 處理功能更加強大,計算機將因此而成 爲話音傳遞工具之一。

六、語音識別技術 Gartner公司稱 到2003年,近三分之一的電信服務商將 釆納語音識別技術。未來手機也將具有 語音識別功能,這意味著企業的IT部門 將致力於語音回應系統與企業數據之間

七、無線局域網分析人士指出,盡 管無線局域網的安全性還不是很高,但 這一技術勢必將取得飛速發展。由於無 線芯片集的價格呈下降趨勢,無線局域 網最早在2002年就有望建成。

八、XML技術2002年面市的大多數 企業軟件都會號稱具備XML兼容功能。 目前相關專業組織正在制定有效的業内 標准以便使2002年成爲XML技術真正具 有用武之地的一年。



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,遇去十年增加了一倍。(雷射唱片、錄影帶、電子書等等)麻州各圖書館外借的:「非印刷材料」的書籍減少,圖書館業務卻繼續成長。的書籍減少,圖書館業務卻繼續成長。

台,僅去年就有五萬人登記使用。 一倍,總館和分館的電腦也增加到數十 可信,總館和分館的電腦也增加到數十 電腦網路連線的終端機,自那時以來, 電腦網路連線的終端機,自那時以來, 電腦網路連線的終端機,自那時以來,

- 0 館經 使用更為精確便捷 現在我們也對網路如法炮製。常宣稱市面上有八百萬本書,而圖書常長福蘭納利說:「我們

orsey)表示,該區本來就不能開設按 人。 聘請無照按摩師,不過並没有逮捕任何 的按摩中心停業,理由是無照營業同時 出入該按摩中心人士影響社區安寧,尤許多附近鄰居曾向警方抱怨,夜間 可證,在目前地點營業也是違法的。 tional Services) 發言人朶錫(John D 摩服務中心,所以即使業者擁有營業許 按摩中心又靠近一家退休老人之家, 心便以暫停營業回應,因此市府人員總市府檢查單位欲前往一探究竟時,該中 該按摩中心違反區域規定,在住宅區中 區中的確有人發現一些不對勁,他說, 是不得其門而入。華埠社區議會也曾就 居民自數個月前就開始抱怨,但每次 廿六日晚間,警方和健康檢查部門

實驗室化驗。目前無法聯繫上按摩中心喬伊斯指出那些藥物將進一步送至

按摩室中有一些女性衣物、酒類飲料, 。據警方和相關人員入内調查發現,在健康機構規定之名勒令該按摩中心停業 (Kevin Joyce) 表示,目前市府以違反

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去年平均增加了23%. 對緊

千年的遊民人口統計高出三成,一九九 共有六千零一位遊民人數被統計,比兩 難所及在街上的遊民總數.此份報告中,

一年。僅有三千八百九十一位遊民被統

開業,以及有關自主環境發展計劃 (LibertyPlaceProject)的公廳會成了 Centerfolds 脫衣舞孃俱樂部的將

違背了華埠居民和商家的期望."自 家脱衣舞孃俱樂部開張,但是Suffolk 埠城社區的居民,或是一群關心著華埠 在十二月十四號,Moy說,"這次抗 : 法官羅培姿明顯偏坦俱樂部的決定, 示,推翻了文化事務及執照發給會拒發 於新脫衣舞孃俱樂俱的話題獨占鳌頭, 七號在聖詹姆士教堂舉行,會議中,關 娛樂執照發給以來,首次的華埠抗爭是 執照的決定,議會議員Bill Moy表示, 局等法庭法官羅培姿在十二月七號的裁

個人都能投入這場長仗. "。

們表示新增的四百六十八戶公寓將有助 說,在公寓大樓內將會設置dropoff地區 對社區的影響,諸如造成陰影,交通, 以圖表和電腦所繪地圖,來說明建築計 會離開華埠區,而非進入城區内,代表 且大部份的新住民在交通尖峰時段將 將帶來的交通問題,他們也避重就輕地 的陰影將不會落在華埠區,對於新住民 及對房市的影響,代表團說,高樓建築 街六百六十號,這項建築計劃的代表團 劃的影響報告,報告中說明建築計劃將 論黯然失色,自主環境發展計劃將建造 緊接在後的冗長的自主環境發展計

造成交通及噪音污染,他也擔憂公寓房 計畫. 他說這棟建築物太高了. 他擔心會 協會的余仕賢HenryYee,發言反對這個

意見,華埠居民 對此計劃持反對 表看法,很多人

Cronin),及一群為遊民而戰的社運人

急避難委員會會長克勞寧(Kelly

市長曼尼諾 (Thomas Menino),緊

零一年波士頓遊民人口調查,根據報導 士,十二月十三號在波士頓,談論兩千

,波士頓遊民的數目在過去十年中攀升

是來自國內的防治暴力計劃,在波士頓大部份遊民是在遊民避難所,有一些則 據這份全美市長會議調查 和聯邦的領導人的協助" 保聯邦政府麥金尼基金 在相關報導中,十二月十 資助遊民計劃,及與當地 的一千四百萬美金,以 致力於降低遊民人口的計畫中, 了一份調查,顯示在美國 二號,全美市長會議發表 孤軍奮戰,我們需要州的 作。 遊民避難所和社區團體合 二十七個主要城市,遊民 人口確實比去年增加,根 在所調查的大城市中, 曼尼諾說,"我們不能 lmont 包括確

期正確...這一群活生生的人,不是在遊 頓的遊民人口將會爬升.很不幸地,這預

曼尼諾市長表示,"報告顯示波士

民避難所,就是在街上討生活.,。

區以任意一個晚間為主,統計在遊民避

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自主環境發展計劃的說明會將于元月二 這項計劃也將會帶來工作機會,另一場

十二號的中國城社區委員會議中舉行

見,他表示高建築物會遮避其它矮房子

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育的州政府預算將被刪減時,心情非常 周莉表示:「當我聽到支持成人基礎教 改變的功效嗎?但身爲成人基礎教育的 府表達不滿時,我還懷疑這樣作,會有 沮喪。班上的老師告訴我們可以向州政 學生,我也想盡我所能,有所行動。」

完成成人基礎教育最後一個階段的課程 基礎教育的課程。計劃在今年上半年, 在當年春季到華美福利會註册就讀成人 前)由中國大陸跟隨夫婿移民美國,並 。若是刪減預算案實施,周莉就無法繼 周莉是在兩千零一年初(十一個月

動,尤其在原居國(中國大陸),這樣 表示:「我現在在美國還没有工作,還 共事務(政治)有了更深一層的興趣。 獨的行動。」「真的没想到州政府的善 成人基礎教育的課程後,找到一份工作 驗,讓周莉覺得更融入美國社會?周莉 意回應如此"快"。因此,我對參與公 因爲這是群體的行動,並不是我個人單 到州政府大樓陳情的行動並不緊張,「 對政府制度不滿的抗爭活動是不合法的 有『漂浮不定』的感覺。我期望在完成 」至於因爲有了參與美國民主活動的經 就會有「更融入美國社會」的感覺。 盡管如此,周莉跟著同學寫信或集體 周莉以前没有參加過類似的抗爭行

的衛星電視台上表達出我對預算刪減案 行動:寫信給立法的官員,甚至在摩頓 基礎教育的經費可能被刪減時,我滿懷 或者找到一份工作。當我知道支持成人 加強我的英語能力,好在美國繼續就學 道,假如要在美國繼續生存,我必需要 支持成人基礎教育的預算,我就無法再 著心志,要參與任何一個有可能挽救的 黃志勇表示,「假如州政府真的刪減掉 上英語課了。」黃志勇繼續說:「我知 在兩年前由中國廣西移民到美國的

聽政府發號司令,我們也有權利表達自 的功課, 「我瞭解到我們不需要一概地 己不同的聲音。在原居國 (中國大陸) 善意回應。黃志勇學到了參與民主社會 抗議行動終於獲得州政府官員們的

> 和人民是可以互相溝通的。」黃志勇也道不可跨越的藩籬。但是在美國,政府 表示經由此經驗,讓他感覺更融入美國

> > 生活,並在將來能有更多的機會擴大我 …兩年前,我來到美國。我希望有好的

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造成任何影響。她是在一九八零年代中 說,麻州政府的刪減預算案對他並不會 期由香港移民美國,但早期爲了與丈夫 華美福利會的成人基礎教育課程。照理 林碧嬋在去年十二月十四日已完成

表達對預算删減案的不滞)(新移民學生聚集起來

舞了其他的學生加入打電話的行動。」



程。」林碧嬋閒心的表示,「現在我已 共同討生活而無暇進修自己的英語。直 把握。」林碧嬋更表示,「假如當時没 我希望能盡一點力讓預算有轉還的機會 限于英語能力的不足,是非常辛苦的。 到去年初與丈夫協定,而能有機會到華 花那昻貴的學費去上私人的英語教育課 没有機會接受這項教育的。目前只有我 有州政府撥預算給成人基礎教育,我是 。但是活動當時,我只有百分之五十的 的原因,我由經驗深知新移民初來美國 與這項抗爭活動,並不是因我個人福利 美福利會進修英語。林碧嬋表示:「參

州 政 府大樓後記 打電話及游行

親愛的菲利諾先生:

與同學分享他們打電話的經驗,這樣鼓 電話給官員代表。第二天,他們到班上 仍然很勇敢地打電話陳述自己的心聲。 他們似乎不在意自己有限的英語能力, 行動,印象非常深刻。有上千通電話打 到州政府官員。」 Kaplan 表示,「 表示,「我對學生打電話到官員代表的 表官員的承諾」紀錄下來。 Maryana 關照。成人基礎教育的老師告知學生們 公室紀錄下來,「聚少成多」而被特別 (尤其是那些英語會話能力有限的學生 開始我帶領一群自願作先鋒的學生打 該說什麼,而且也要把「是否得到代

> 課程中學習到美國文化及基礎電腦文書 的唯一希望。我每天從成人基礎教育的 以說是最近的路,也可以說是我在美國 難:目前,成人基礎教育對我而言,可 困難。我在找工作方面也遇到很大的困 的父母因為語言及文化的差異有很大的 的視野,因此我決定來到美國。我和我

(原文:Dear Mr. Finneran: ... I came

復過來,但没有固定的文章形式,盡量 讓學生自己發揮表達。以下是幾封陳情 把重點寫清楚:渴望被刪減的預算能恢 士頓華埠社區中心的老師告訴學生,要 至於在寫信方面,華美福利會及波

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culture and some basic computer and

Emglish skills in ABE... everyday.)

…我是個新移民。英語能力對我的移民 生氣。我希望你能再給我們一次機會好 能在美國有更好的生活。現在支持成人 (原文:Dear Senator Birmingham, ... 好學習英語。」 基礎教育的預算被删減了。我感到非常 生活非常重要。我必需學好英語,以期 「親爱的柏明罕參議員:

important for me. I need to study more English...to help me...live in the U.S.A. can give us a chance...(to)... learn Education. I am very angry. I hope you Now you cut the budget for Adult I'm an immigrant. English is very

讓預算恢復過來,好讓我繼續完成學業 。將來,我一定會盡力為社區工作:」 :每個人都說我非常聰明。假如你可以 「親愛的菲利諾: (原文:Dear Mr. Finneran,

continue my study, I will do ... excellent work and volunteer in the community in can restore the budget to (help me) ...Everybody says I am very smart. If you

> education. Now, the state government (is budget. (They're going) to save the money for what? The Big Dig?...) going to) cut the (adult basic) education 减成人基礎教育的預算。他們想要省這 Every year I pay the school taxes for 筆錢作爲什麼用途?」 (原文:Dear Mr. Thomas Finneran:

州政府代表官員的反應

是對他們展現美國政府運作的情況。」 到新移民的反應是值得高興的事。這也 表示「我覺得就某個程度而言,如此看 Birmingham 的機要助理 Wingle

華 公所召

所CEO賽門斯 由討論,所以中華公

more opportunities to broaden my wanted to make a food life amd have to the United States two years ago. I

horixons in the future. Therefore I

奪門斯表示,中華公所今年度開始 政狀況經營的更好。

我每年付了教育稅。現在州政府卻要删

「親愛的湯姆斯・菲利諾:

七分, 爲一百分)。中華公所表示,以前大同屋發展局的評鑑中得到九十五分(滿分 村的評鑑分數都不好,一次不及格四十 管理公司-,公所的議員們對於此一改進都感到非 **几外,去年九月起才接手的人同村** 這是中華公所第一次可以準時報稅 三月時將可準時報稅,絕對不會拖 新的電腦系統處理報稅問題,所以 - 「寶力」,日前在都市房

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績,他們也都很高興。另外,議 首次由華人公司管理能有這種成 職,經過交換意見,大家仍投票 來煥然一新的管理,同時大同村 遠討論是否廢除行政主任 次六十幾分;這次寶力公司帶 整體會議仍可以說是 希望團結而非分裂, 間雖然偶有意見不同 的争執,但因爲大家 **TODDLER TEACHER**

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·華埠安全委員會會議於每月第 週的星期三上午十時半起,在 一埠華盛頓街八八八號華信屋會

區

現代女性常爲了先生、孩子,寧

審查,同時決定將一

過二千零二年的預算 召開會議,討論及通

上個月二十六日晚間 紐英崙中華公所

九八三年起的會議紀

錄公開透明化,供各

約四哩處)。活動免費公開,聯絡 推出「現代女性心靈成長班」,開 教育子女,面對複雜的社會呢? 關係更融洽、更和諧?更有智慧來的是,目前是否希望夫妻、親子間 地點位於9Linnell Circle Biller 課日期自二千零二年 八一八,王明德 (九七八) 六八五 ica, MA01821 (醬Burlington Mall 每週二上午十時至十一時三十分, 八請洽馮文鸞 (七八一)八六二三 三佛中心有鑒於以上原因,特別 一月八日起,

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州所有成人基礎教育協調者(ABE coordibnator)。



整礎教育的老師都感到無比

敢行動,真感到被鼓舞。」中心的成人基 不甚激進」的學生爲能得著預算翻修而勇

八未曾有過加入如此大型的抗爭活動。 個錯誤行動喚醒了這群學生。」這兩個 參與行動的新移民及成人

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州政府刪減成人

新移民,前陣子爲反抗州政府刪減成人基礎教育的預

State House) 向麻州參議員抗議剛減成人基礎教育的預 州政府簽訂「回復成人基礎教育預算案」,將有一千 成人基礎教育的需求。他們也聚集前往州政府大樓 能力有限,但是仍勇敢地打電話到州政府辦公室陳述 出文情並茂的陳情書給麻州政府官員。他們的英文會 ,人家共商因應之道。 他們努力應用自己有限的英文

兩百五十萬元的經費會用於

些人帶著強烈的動力來到州政府大樓……接著,這個預 Wingle表示:「他們的行動非常有組織、有效率…… 繼續說:「我們還來不及數二那些源源不斷的關心信件 算恢復案就變得非常醒目而得到衆多州政府官員的支持 左右表達對刪減預算案的抗議電話。 Wingle

波士頓華埠社區中心的英語教學部 門的主任Maryana Houston表示:「

礎教育教師 Stan Kaplan 說:「州政府的

Maryana說:「我告訴各個班級的學生, 說:「我告訴學生們要打電話及寫信給他 隨時準備好作出應有的行動。」Kaplan 有關預算刪減案的因應之道,希望他們能

周莉(Lily Zhou)

(Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center)動員了學生及所

參議員主席 Tom Birmingham 的特別助理 Paul

American Civic Association)、波士頓華埠社區中心

華埠的兩個知名教育單位—華美福利會(Asian

華美福利會的成人基礎教育主任Ric

此激發他們寫信及打電話給這些官員的勇

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告訴學生所發生的事情。一開始我教導學生有關 budget 要寫信、打電話及到州政府大樓當面陳情。我清楚地 表示,他也作了同樣的事情,「非常明顯的,我們需 抗爭行動是有可期望的……他們知道他們的實際行動 成和他們日常生活相關的句子。我告訴學生接下來的 (預算)、restore (恢復)的單字,再利用這些單字造

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